together with the whole amount of Rs. 6,562 under pepper and cocoanut oil, &c., which articles are not forthcoming, has to be written off the accounts.

Under Departmental balances the stock balance of D. P. W. Workshops and Stores has been verified up to 1078; Rs. 1,50,900 will have to be written off according to the Report of the Chief Engineer. Besides this, there is a sum of Rs. 66,847 included in the balance of this Department which appears to be the unadjusted advances, stock, deposits, &c., of many years past for which no details of any kind can now be traced. The whole of this amount also will have to be written off the accounts.

The Stock balance of the Maramat Department has yet to be verified.

Deducting Rs. 2,74,309, as ascertained up to date, which will have to be written off as loss during the current year, the closing balance of this year will be only Rs. 66,53,209 instead of Rs. 69,27,518 as now budgeted.

25. **Conclusion.**—I have given you, gentlemen, a short *resumé* of the administration of the different departments of the State during the past year. The account will, I hope, give you some insight into the working of the administration during the year and the measures proposed to be adopted during the current year.

Before concluding I may refer to the visit of His Highness the Maha Rajah to the Sister State of Cochin and the cordial and magnificent reception His Highness received there. Last year we also had the honor of a visit from the Maha Rajah of Benares.

In January this year at the invitation of His Excellency the Governor, His Highness the Maha Rajah visited Madras. His Highness was the guest of His Excellency and received every mark of consideration and thoroughly enjoyed his trip. His Highness looks forward with great pleasure and interest to his approaching visit to Madras to welcome Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales. It is a rare privilege to take part in welcoming the Heir-Apparent to the British throne and the Indian Empire. It is now 30 years since we had a similar privilege when His Majesty the King-Emperor visited India as Prince of Wales. The visit of the Heir-Apparent is calculated to strengthen the bonds of union between the British Empire and the different nationalities and peoples inhabiting this vast continent. He is the representative of the Power which has brought peace to the land and started the country on a career of progress and prosperity. The Native States, and Travancore in particular, are under special obligations to the Royal Family for their traditional solicitude to maintain the integrity and honor of these States.

This year His Highness the Maha Rajah completed the twentieth year of His Highness' rule and the spontaneous outburst of loyalty that characterized the celebration of the auspicious event in every village and hamlet in Travancore testifies to the strong hold His Highness has secured on the affection and regard of his devoted subjects.

Important portions from the Malayalam translation of the Address were read to the Assembly by Mr. K. P. Sankara Menon, Dewan Peishkar, Kottayam Division.

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At the conclusion of the Address, Mr. H. D. Deane (Member, Rubber Planters Association) said:— I rise, Sir, on behalf of the representatives of the Planting Community here to-day, to tender our thanks for the hospitable reception we have met with in this flourishing city of Trivandrum and the gracious generosity of His Highness the Maha Rajah which has made it feasible for us to lay our requirements before his Government in this his Sri Mulam Popular Assembly.

It would be superfluous for myself, after listening to your interesting speech, to dwell at length on the immense labour taken and keen interest shown by yourself in all matters affecting the welfare of His Highness' subjects, and I will therefore conclude by assuring you, Sir, of our loyal co-operation in any way feasible for furthering your efforts for the good of this State of Travancore.

Thanking you deeply and gratefully for the valuable information you have given us to-day, we wish you God speed in your arduous duties.

Mr. A. Sri Narayanan Tampi (Member for Vilavancode Taluk) spoke as follows:— On behalf of the members of this Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and on behalf of the people of Travancore whom they represent, I beg you to convey to His Most Gracious Highness, our beloved Maha Rajah, our loyal and respectful sentiments of gratitude for conferring the valuable privilege of election on the people of this country. Our sincere thanks are due to you also, Sir, for the sympathy and statesmanship with which you have worked for this great concession. It forcibly evinces the solicitude of Government to ascertain the wants of the people and redress their grievances and also to educate them in methods of self-reliance. I trust, Sir, that under your wise guidance we shall be able to use the opportunity thus afforded with moderation and good sense and in such a way that our representations will conduce to the progress of the State and the welfare of the various sections of the people who have done us the honor to elect us. In conclusion, allow me on behalf of this Assembly to thank Government most cordially for the various measures of beneficence and reform which they have recently inaugurated and to assure you of our hearty appreciation of the spirit in which these are conceived and in which we feel sanguine they will be executed by His Highness' Government.

Mr. C. J. Kurien (Member for Kottayam Taluk) said:—It is with no little gratification that the people of Travancore have to congratulate themselves on His Highness the Maha Rajah's gracious condescension in granting them the privilege of electing their own representatives to this Assembly. The bestowal of this privilege, which is unprecedented in the history of Travancore, in the very second year of its existence and at the close of the second decade of His Highness' benign reign does not only testify to the great confidence the Government have in the working of this Assembly, the extent of solicitude His Highness entertains for the welfare of his subjects and the keen interest you take in the administration of the State and the people entrusted to your care, but also instils in the minds of the people an overwhelming wish that His Highness may continue to reign over them, assisted by your sound counsels, for many more decades to come. An enumeration of the many healthy reforms introduced into the State during the past 20 years of His Highness' reign may perhaps be considered uncalled for on the present occasion, but it is beyond doubt that the institution of this Assembly is the noblest of them all, inasmuch as it affords ample opportunities and facilities for the people to represent their wants and wishes direct to Government, thus bringing the rulers and the ruled

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into close contact with one another, so as to admit of the establishment of a thorough understanding between the Government and the people. It only remains for me to thank you, Sir, on behalf of the people whom I have the honour to represent and to ask you to convey to His Highness our deep sense of gratitude for the great privilege which enables us to be present in the Assembly to-day.

Mr. S. Swamy Aiyengar, Mr. K. K. Kuruvila, Mr. Madhavan Tampi, Mr. Neelacundan Numpooripad, Mr. K. Parameswaran Pillai, Mr. S. Shunmugam Pillai, Mr. N. Kumaran Asan, Mr. C. Padmanabha Pillai, Mr. Sankaran Kochu Kunju Channar Mr. C. Joseph and the Very Rev. Eipe Thoma Kathanar and some other members also spoke emphasizing the sentiments of the previous members and expressed their gratitude to His Highness the Maha Rajah for the generous sanction accorded to the institution of the Assembly and especially for the privilege of election conferred on the people. They further complimented the Dewan on the Address delivered on the administration of the country during the past year and tendered their acknowledgments for the several measures of public usefulness already initiated under the sanction and guidance of His Highness the Maha Rajah and for the promise of many other reforms calculated to promote the efficiency of the administration and to advance the welfare of the people.

The Dewan in reply expressed his thanks for the appreciative terms in which the members had spoken of the administration and said it would give him great pleasure to convey their sentiments of profound gratitude and loyalty to His Highness the Maha Rajah.

The Assembly then adjourned to 12 noon on Monday, the 23rd October.

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